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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
SAFETY ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA NEEDLE

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

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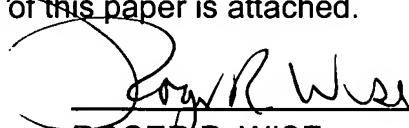
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 5, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application, the due date for response to which is January 7, 2008, the first business day after Saturday, January 5, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application and a Preliminary Amendment. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-identified RCE application.

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